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push something off till next year. I'll tell you what will happen next year, 25 of you are going to be running for re-election. Them that's going to say I can't afford to do it this year because I got to hold the taxes. I've been in the world of politics long enough to know how you operate. All I'm saying to you is face up to it. Senator Clark wants to fund the state community colleges. He's got \$15 million in his budget he works with every day. I suggest to him, why . . . the other day why wasn't he willing to give \$15 million to public schools of the State of Nebraska so he could lower his taxes in Sidney by 6 mills. I've watched Senator Clark's attitude on education. That's why I sometimes get frustrated listening to all the alibies. Right now, damn it, I'm frustrated here. I've issued the gauntlet to the Governor and to you. Three percent sales tax, let's tell the people. That's not unreasonable, an equal amount of income tax and corporate tax. That will raise \$79 million if we go back to the original 13 we had in income. Then we can fund it, the programs that are needed in this state. We can walk out of here and say we did it right. Then people will say, next year, to us, yes you did it right for one time. You showed a little bit of intestinal fortitude, a little bit of intelligence, a little bit of courage, a little bit of leadership. But no some of you will go back home and say look how I held your taxes. Then they look at the cost increases they are, you get back to the old proverb, "penny wise and pound foolish". Remember that one will you Senators.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Barnett wants . . . enough for you. Mr. President, Senator Mills of course has presented us a tongue in cheek amendment. I think it's about time that we let him take that out of his cheek. Let's move the question. I knew that that was going to illicit that response. I think it's time, of course, he did that to make a point. The point is well taken. Let's defeat the amendment in a general fashion so that we don't offend Senator Mills, but tell him no thanks. I ask the previous question.

SENATOR SAVAGE: There's only one light on. The previous question has been called for. Do I see five hands?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I withdraw it if there's only one light on.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Question of Senator Lewis if I may. Senator, in the business of budget it says that the local board will present to the county commissioners their proposed budget for the year. Accordingly, they will be given their county share of the funds. Do I have that right?